India were instructed to issue short validity passports for one year on receipt of completed applications after satisfying about Indian nationality of applicant, genuineness and proof for urgent travel for employment or business;

(v) Indian passports issued by the Embassy of India in Kuwait may be renewed without insisting on verification by Indian police where passport appears genuine within five working days of submission of complete application;

(vi) where an evacuee entered into India on an emergency certificate, and submits a photocopy of emergency certificate he will be issued, on request, a new passport of normal validity subject to completion of formalities required under EAP(1) form;

(vii) where an evacuee produces a document showing offer of employment in Kuwait he may be rendered passport services expeditiously; and

(viii) the requirement of obtaining emigration clearance for Gulf returnees from Kuwait and Iraq who wish to go for employment to any part of the Gulf region has been suspended for a period of six months to be counted from 12/18 April, 1991. The passports of the concerned persons wishing to avail of this benefit would be endorsed "ECNR" for Gulf region for a period of six months. Stamping will be done by any of the Protector of Emigrants/ Regional Passport Offices. Such endorsements will be given on production of some documentary evidence to establish that the individual has earlier served in Iraq or Kuwait. Passport entries will be taken as sufficient proof for this purpose. No other document, such as employment contract for fresh employment or any other document will be insisted upon while granting such exemption to Gulf returnees from Kuwait and Iraq.

12 Noon.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Rehabilitation Plantation Limited, Punalur and related papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Repatriates Cooperative Finance and Development Bank Limited, Madras and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rehabilitation Plantations Limited, Punalur, for the year 1989-90, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Company.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-63/91].

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

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(ii) Review by Government on the working of the Bank.

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